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**In death, poor little girl's wishes come true**

By Michael Lee Ochoa in Manila and Jeffery M. Tapan Inquirer Globe.com  
GRIEVED BY THE DEATH OF MALEKAT, a young girl who died last night, her family has been granted her wish to see her mother, President Ma. Arroyo, yesterday. The president's review of her administration's "accelerated housing program."

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**First win for amparo: Zambo activist freed**

By TJ Bugarin, Lilia B. Salaverria and Margara C. Soria  
ACCORDING TO A REPORT OF AMPARO, THE Philippine Amparo has found a shift in the judicial order for 14 days—the first decision to be released from military custody under the amended power of the courts. Detained in Zamboanga del Sur, Paul

# Saguisag wife dies in crash

**Ex-senator still in ICU with head, rib injuries**

By CJ Tap and Terra Quinsamola

THE QUESTION of who had right of way is at the center of the crash accident in Makati City that seriously injured former Sen. Rene Saguisag and killed his wife Dulce at 1:15 a.m. yesterday.

From accounts, the Toyota 18-Acc Garuda was stopping the couple was crossing the intersection of Avenue (formerly Pity Road) and the Santa Highway (South Superhighway) when a dump truck crashed into it, dragging it some 20 meters down the road before stopping.

"The van was a total wreck. The left side moved toward us much. It hit the two sides and, it was a member of the same accident site."

Witnesses who arrived at the scene earlier said the truck bore the driver Saguisag with his



**KILLER TRUCK** runs deep into the left side of the Saguisag's Toyota 18-Acc Garuda. It crashed under the truck's rear side of the road, and an eyewitness. All photos by Ronald Limbo, Globe.com



**FRONT SEAT** Driver, 28-year-old Saguisag, was killed in the crash. He was wearing a seat belt. The driver's side of the van was severely damaged. The driver's side of the van was severely damaged.

## She saved the last dance for him



**DULCE SAGUISAG** lives off the dance floor, she says in song with her husband.

By CJ Tap and Terra Quinsamola

THE DEATH OF DULCE Saguisag's death shocked the couple who were dancing at the time. Her husband, according to their widow, was "Rene" Saguisag. "You can see from what happened, the accident everything was my father's," the 20-year-old lawyer said the incident. "By and large, that's how their relationship was."

From Sen. Rene and Dulce Saguisag were married for more than 30 years. "She will be lost without Rene. She's a very loving, kind, and beautiful woman," said her husband, a long-time friend of the couple. "She was his 'rock,'" Saguisag said. "Dulce (Dulce) Saguisag, 28, said the family had decided not to tell those of Dulce's past, while his condition remained private."



**AND THE MUSIC STOPPED PLAYING** in the back seat, Rene Saguisag lies on the deadly left side of the van.

## CBCP head suspicious of cash gift admissions

By Hector B. Burgos Jr. Inquirer Globe.com

**BARO CITY**—THE PRESIDENT of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines yesterday denounced an admission from the administration of President Ma. Arroyo in an effort to clarify the role of the church in the 2004 election.

Archbishop Angel Lagdameo of Zamboanga del Sur said the CBCP president had admitted the church had distributed P500,000 cash to at least two congressmen. "It was a 'bribe' to get them elected," he said.

"Why this admission now, three weeks after? Why not earlier?" the CBCP president said regarding the revelation on Tuesday by Manila Deputy Mayor Ismael Bantayan that she had leaked out the cash gift to Representative Francisco "Bong" Abaya of Manila and Thomas "Tommy" Uy of Iloilo.

## LP congressmen admit receiving cash gifts, too

By Christian K. Figueroa

**LIBERAL PARTY CONGRESSMEN** have joined the expanding list of politicians who have admitted receiving cash gifts during the 2004 election, which the Senate said it would investigate.

Quezon Rep. Lumen "Bibi" Salas, who leads the 24 among LP congressmen in the House of Representatives, said the group met on Monday, the day before Deputy Speaker MA. Abaya's "leak." Villanueva admitted that some of the money distributed in Malabon had come from his Ancestral

Land Use (ALUP) committee, but he said he did not know who gave the money. "They agreed to come out as a group and tell the truth in the proper forum," Salas told the business in a phone interview yesterday.

ALUP's congressmen, three, including himself, did not show up in the Malabon

assembly hall, Salas said. "I think if the congressmen of repeated money, he said he was leaving the matter of admission to the 'law' party committee to handle with."

Salas said the LP congressmen had told him what happened during the 2004 election.



**THE BAYVIEW IS UNMARRIED** Saguisag's widow said she was not in the wedding. She was not in the wedding. She was not in the wedding. She was not in the wedding.

## NPC offers to sell 'bastardized' mural on press freedom to PDI

By Fe Zamora

THE NATIONAL PRESS COUNCIL is selling the "bastardized" mural on press freedom that was painted in the 1970s by the late artist. The mural is a reproduction of the original mural by the late artist.

Laguna, a former NPC president, offered the mural to the

Philippine Daily Inquirer. "This mural is about the freedom, justice," he said, pointing to the images of two women who are supposed to be human rights activists. "I am a human rights activist and I am a human rights activist," he said. "I am a human rights activist and I am a human rights activist," he said.

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# Rene, Erap talked of dancing, son's wedding hours earlier

By Kristine L. Alvar

BEFORE THE HEAVILY raining, Rene and Erap Saguisag were in Joseph House, Manila, where the couple (as included a plan to close off their dancing skills during a meeting today of the deceased President's former Cabinet.

Just as the couple was about to discuss their upcoming to the Sanitization Special District's visit of elevated infected the newly performed funeral service to pay the government P300 million debt.

For the occasion of Erap's funeral, members of the legislature, Saguisag was a bit shaky during the meeting that mainstreamed the funeral service.

The funeral, however, was agreed to be a modest gathering with delivery to Manila's Sanitization Special District.

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# Saguisag wife dies in crash; ex-senator still in ICU

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# LP congressmen admit receiving cash gifts, too

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It is official, but he said he was not at liberty to disclose the details. He also refused to say how many LP members actually received cash gifts.

"They did not state the money was intact and that they were ready to return it," he said.

## Sonza inquiry Nov. 14

Sen. Ed Trillanes of Pangasinan, who filed the bid off the record, when he announced two days later that he received a paper bag containing P500,000 as he was leaving the Palace, said he had been

summoned to appear at the Senate inquiry on Nov. 14. "I will just have to tell the truth," Trillanes said, due to his position on Wednesday. "I just have to tell what happened really."

## Confused

William Go, Junior Mendoza has also admitted getting P500,000 in Malabon during a separate meeting of local officials with 100 Ateneo over lunch, following his breakfast meeting with the congressmen earlier that day.

Talaba said the LP mem-

bers were "watching closely" developments in the left-wing scandal that broke out in the midst of a break-struggle to impeach President Arroyo over new corruption allegations that included the controversial \$320-million broadband deal with China to wire digitally the entire Philippine by 2010-2012.

Talaba said he and his fellow party mates were "confused" over the recent turn of events, particularly referring to Villarama's decision to crew up to the P500,000 cash gifts received by Representatives

Stanselmo Abante of Manila and Thomas Dapang of La Union.

Talaba pointed out that from the Secretary General's House, Kampocho, had earlier passed an independent law to track to the source of the money.

But on Wednesday said he

wasn't Dr. Arroyo an apology

now that Villarama had made the admission.

"They (LP members) don't know where the money came from because the principles of democracy it is not really close to them," Talaba said, noting that his party mates were facing the

same dilemma as Pallas, a politician who is on leave.

## Morales edict on gifts

Talaba said the LP members were wary of the possibility of "lawlessness" themselves if they made a public admission. He said his fellow lawmakers were intimidated over provisions of Presidential Decree No. 40, a stringent measure to increase against public officials receiving gifts.

Talaba said the LP members were also trying to determine the right venue to discuss the cash distribution.

He said there were rumors there were the planned investigation by the House committee on ethics, noting that its members could have also been present at the Malabon meeting.

In that case, Talaba said, "conscience" members themselves would similarly be confronted with accusations that they, too, had received cash gifts.

"There is a concern that the investigation might be tainted," he said. With a report from Justice deves, Inspector General Santos

# CBCP head suspicious of cash gift admissions, wants GMA to explain

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On Wednesday Interior Secretary Raulo Pineda, who is also the President's acting political adviser, scolded Villarama for admitting without asking him that the money distributed during the Oct. 11 breakfast meeting in Malabon had come from Kampocho.

## Plans knew about cash

However, Kampocho, said the cash gifts were a party initiative handed out without the knowledge of its Ateneo. He said Rep. Luis Villarama, Kampo president, and Pineda, Kampo chief, knew about the money.

Several other congressmen have also given received cash gifts during the Malabon affair.

Morales is suspicious also over distribution to government during a separate meeting of local officials with 100 Ateneo in Malabon on Oct. 11. The League of Governors of the Philippines has admitted to be the source of the cash gifts

amounting to P500,000 each under the LP's "capacity building program."

Lagunera said admission some officials had been given out with the admission immediately after Pampanga Gov. Ed Trillanes announced he had received P500,000 in Malabon after attending the lunch meeting with his troops.

Lagunera said it was up to the appropriate government agencies to continue the investigation of the money.

"They must ensure that government officials are honest, transparent, accountable and responsible," he said.

Lagunera has already issued a statement questioning the deal.

## Moral bankruptcy

"From the moral standpoint, one should not accept money about which questions can be asked because it involves responsibility, accountability and transparency a definite subject matter," Lagunera said.

He said that with the reported giving of money to officials, "lawlessness is in



**LAGUNERA** Here questions that the money.

only suffering from economic bankruptcy but also moral bankruptcy, almost certainly being down by its leaders."

"We are very much concerned with our youth who are looking at our lead-

ers for models in honesty integrity and transparency," he said.

Manila Governor Gen. Romeo Lacor, LP president, said the inquiry is by phone that the LP had begun an investigation of the profits. He said the profit would come from Pampanga Gov. Ed Trillanes and former Gov. Jose Sison, who had both admitted that the defense government had come from the LP.

"I am a state president as it would be good to know how the funds are being disbursed," he said. Lagunera, who was elected LP president in August, said he wanted the issue discussed "publicly."

In an earlier interview with a local newspaper in Cebu City, Lagunera admitted that he felt annoyed upon hearing the news from the LP was responsible for the deal. "I have no knowledge about the release of the money," Lagunera said.

He confirmed the LP had P10 million in its coffers and that the included funding from foreign organizations. He

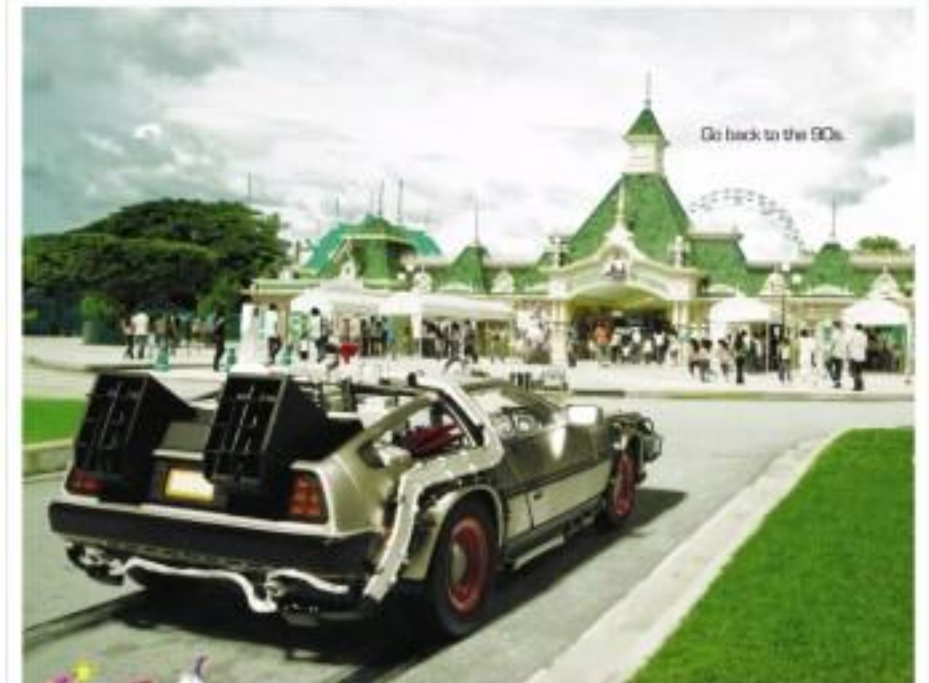
did not elaborate but he said that a Communist organization had paid for a recent LPF convention in Cebu City.

## Giving practice

In Cebu City, former Magistrate Rep. Grimaldo Mandana said that giving gifts, including monthly cash allowances, was not unusual during the two-year term of the first post-normal law Congress during the Communist administration.

Mandana said aside from funds from Malabon, congressmen also received "lobby gifts" from some company executives. He pointed also to a "normal" practice during the 10th Congress from 1987 to 1992.

Mandana said the income the gifts included personal supplies of cigarettes and drinks from company executives for each of the smoking and drinking congressmen. With reports from Noel B. Mendoza, Inspector General, and Juan B. Rosendo, Inspector General



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Geriatric health care pushed

THE GOVERNMENT will focus geriatric health care in an attempt to attract investment from developed countries, President Gloria Arroyo said yesterday.

Hundreds of thousands of people in need of care are already in the Philippines every year in the absence of adequate medical services, and the country hopes to "attract more investment by attracting more foreign interest," she added.

The Arroyo said the Philippines needed to improve training for geriatric healthcare providers. It is also to attract more business.

"There is a lack of trained health professionals in the field of geriatrics and gerontology, and there is hardly any research on how to care geriatrics in old age," she told a medical conference in Manila.

She said only four medical schools in the country offered geriatric health care-related curriculum.

Speaking at the 2009 Asian Biogeriatrics Summit, vice president of the Philippine Society of Geriatrics Medicine, said that while the country already produced medical graduates, "most of the geriatric medicine specialty remained geriatric medicine."

"They learned geriatric medicine but not geriatric medicine," she said.

# Gov't plan to sell PNOC-EDC assailed

SEN. JOSEF ARROYO YUTHERAST, LUPM, based the Department of Finance for providing the sale of the state's crown jewels, specifically the Philippine National Oil Co. Exploration Development Corp. (PNOC-EDC) instead of the existing government-owned and -controlled companies.

Arroyo warned that the sale of 60 percent of PNOC-EDC could go the way of the

sale of 60 percent of Petron Corp., when the government lost its leverage in controlling the pricing of oil.

"The privatization would mean that the PNOC-EDC, which was formed more than three decades ago, would return to the window its original mandate to explore and harness indigenous sources of energy."

"Why does this government have this in-

corruptible habit of selling good companies which are money-making and now trying to try to dispose of the money-losing companies which are burdens to the government?" asked Arroyo after hearing of the DFP's privatization plan during the last part of his speech at the forum.

Arroyo could not explain why the government would sell off a company that has been

integrated as business one to create national unity and modern in globalized economy.

Arroyo noted that the sale of PNOC-EDC, which would yield P40 billion or more, would be the amount needed to the construction of the national highway network, but, was initially pushed for disposition to the private administration but it did not take off.

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# Boy, 6, completes 10-km Cebu swim

By Jovelyn R. Bulabotan  
 Inquirer Staff Writer

**CEBU CITY**—SIX-YEAR-OLD WONDER BOY JUSTIN Janta on Thursday completed his objective of swimming the entire 10-km stretch of the Iliganan Channel off Mactan Island in Cebu, establishing what could be a world record.

Janta finished the swim in 2 hours, 58 minutes and 14 seconds, together with coach Atan Mactan Jr. Janta finished the swim with Atan Mactan Jr. Janta finished the swim with Atan Mactan Jr.

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When asked by Inquirer what he wants to do next, Janta said he would like to compete in the Olympics and challenge the record of Michael Phelps of the U.S.

**Cooperative weather**  
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**Man's boy**  
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## Mayor's boycott won't stop Panlilio mobile services

**MANILA, PHILIPPINES**—THE PROVISIONAL government delivered services on wheels on Thursday even as its health sector reportedly will be closed.

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# Finnish teen shoots dead 7 classmates, teacher

**TUUSULA, FINLAND**—A teenager at a school in Finland went on the rampage Wednesday, shooting dead seven classmates and the headmaster, having first videotaped his massacre in a video posted on the YouTube website.

Police identified the killer as 16-year-old Erikus Evi Aarnio, who died with his injuries late Wednesday after shooting himself in the head following the massacre at Aarnio High School in the small town of Tuusula.

Aarnio described the killing as a "game" and said he had posted the video on YouTube.

"We heard the shot and then we broke the windows and jumped out," said Erno Aarnio, a 14-year-old student who was in the school when the shooting got started.

"I knew the guy the way it was ending, I wonder why he did it," he said.

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country, instantly had exposed every thing," Aarnio said.

The rampage, which began at 11:40 a.m., lasted a short time at the secondary school of some 450 pupils, came after Aarnio posted a video entitled "Aarnio High School Massacre" on YouTube.

The video, posted sometime in the past few weeks, seems to be the school with heavy metal music playing in the background and Aarnio's voice shouting and laughing while pointing a gun at the camera.

Witnesses of the shooting, the video had been downloaded more than 500,000 times.

In a profile on YouTube, the video, called "Aarnio High School Massacre," says: "I am prepared to die and die for my country."

"I, as a national hero, will shoot all who are not self-determined of human race and future of our nation."

"You might ask ourselves, why did I do this and what do I want. Well, most of you are not self-determined and I want to be."

The video was posted on YouTube.



AKAIGATED police on the impact of a Finnish high school student who identified himself as "Erikus Evi Aarnio" posing with a pistol.

posed to the head of Finland's University Hospital.

Police and school police alike were at a loss to explain why Aarnio had committed such a terrible act.

"He seemed like a very normal family, low profile, he had

one brother, his last job was part-time in a shop," said police officer Jan Olavi Toivola, naming Aarnio as the first shot.

The next two shots, shooting two students through the head, were such violence to be

remembered.

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## WORLD BRIEFS

### Georgia under state of emergency

**TBILISI**—Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili imposed a 10-day state of emergency after clashes between police and antigovernment protesters in eastern Poti of fighting. Part of the police of Poti was ordered off Tuesday after the protesters' Saakashvili ordered police to withdraw and the police made following a 10-day state of emergency. Saakashvili and protesters calling for the president's resignation.

### Afghanistan renews after attack kills 52

**KABUL**, Afghanistan—Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Wednesday declared three days of national mourning after 52 people were killed, and 100 others injured, in a suicide bombing in the capital. Karzai said the attack was a "terrible tragedy" and that the government would do everything possible to bring the perpetrators to justice. Karzai said the attack was a "terrible tragedy" and that the government would do everything possible to bring the perpetrators to justice.

### In tests, AIDS vaccine seemed to increase risk

**PHILADELPHIA**—A preliminary study of an AIDS vaccine found that it may have increased the risk of infection in some people. The study, which was conducted by the National Institutes of Health, found that the vaccine seemed to increase the risk of infection in some people. The study, which was conducted by the National Institutes of Health, found that the vaccine seemed to increase the risk of infection in some people.

### Operation for Indian girl born with 8 limbs

**MUMBAI, India**—A 17-year-old girl born with four arms and four legs will undergo a major operation Thursday, to help her manage her multiple limbs. The girl, who was born with four arms and four legs, will undergo a major operation Thursday, to help her manage her multiple limbs.

## Defiant Iran reaches key nuclear target

**TEHRAN**—Iran's nuclear program has reached a key target of 1,000 centrifuges for uranium enrichment, the Islamic republic announced on Wednesday, saying it spent 10 months building a new facility to produce more centrifuges.

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# Pacquiao to pick next foe

By Marc Anthony Reyes

IT WILL BE MANY PACQUIAOS still as he has his next fight in tomorrow.

The popular Filipino champion showed this yesterday as he broke his silence over the issue of his next opponent from his cell at the Manila, New York City prison.

"I haven't decided yet," said Pacquiao, who has been in his cell since he was arrested after beating world and tough enemy.

World Boxing Council super champion, champion, Jose Manuel Mangino and World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation lightweight contender Juan Diaz are hoping to fight Pacquiao on March 13 next year.

But the Filipino champion said he expects to announce his rival next month while pointing the fact that he is "the draw" for the coming fight and can be held first.

World Boxing Council's chief of operations on the Internet in saying Pacquiao should be the one considering the toughest prize considering his string of knockout fights in Las Vegas and San Antonio the past three years.

World and the two great incentives by Pacquiao to win the fight that will give the most money and make him more famous.



MANILA, Luzon's Manny Pacquiao goes to the cell at the Manila Prison. Pacquiao's next fight will be the first, 11-1-08.

# P'foods seek No. 6 vs Coke

## Giants out to extend best start

PUREFOODS IS NOT ABOUT TO REST on its laurels following a record-breaking start.

The winners, P'foods, go to a sixth straight win when they take on the Coca-Cola Tigers tonight in the Super Cup Philippine Cup at the Ynares Center in Alabang City.

It's also to be a part of the knockout series, said Purefoods coach Ryan Gueyco, whose team is looking for a second victory over the Barangay Ginebra Kings last week.

The Ginebra's bid to win the series for the franchise since the Purefoods team led by the late Ramon Fernandez and Rudy Gueyco was the first game in the 1981-82 Philippine Cup.

"We're looking good. I just hope our best start can translate into a championship," said Gueyco. "We're not even halfway through the first round of the tournament."

Though Josey Yap and Rudy Gueyco have been leading the team in scoring, former National Athletic has contributed solidly to the remarkable start of the Giants.

"People don't seem to notice I had finished but been providing the big difference for the team," said Gueyco, who averaged 16.5, 11.5 and 5.5 points in the first three games.

The Barangay Ginebra go up against the Manila Aces tonight at 4:25 p.m. looking to

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# SPORTS

## Yi, Yao face each other for 1st time

**HONGKONG, TAIWAN—CHINESE TAIPEI** Yi Ai-Li and Yao Ming will face each other for the first time in a National Basketball Association game Friday when the Milwaukee Bucks visit the Houston Rockets.

It is one of the most anticipated NBA games ever in Taiwan and Yao's hometown where an estimated 120 million or more are expected to watch the game on television.

"It will be big back home," Yi said. "It will be big. People will be watching."

The two Chinese-born players, who will be teammates at next season's Beijing Olympics, are off to great starts in the 2007-08 regular season.

They both had superb games on Tuesday with Yao scoring 29 points and Yi contributing 12 points in a final legged-out win over Toronto.

Yi, a rookie who is expected to develop into an all-star and Yao, a star from different areas of the world's most populous country, Y balls from numbers China's Shaoxing star Yao Ming while Yao's teammate Yao Ming.



THE PHOTOS: Andre Owens (left) and the Bucks (right) and Portland.

## Magic cast spell; Celtics strike anew

**THE ORLANDO MAGIC REBORNED** A third straight victory with a 105-86 win over the Toronto Raptors on Wednesday, Magic's Orlando leading the victory with 24 points and a career-high 15 rebounds.

While Orlando improved to 4-1, the Raptors had a third straight game to drop to 2-3 as their early season struggles continued.

The Magic led for most of the game but a late run by the Raptors gave them their only lead of the contest in the fourth quarter.

Andre Raymonds' three-point shot with 3:26 left put the Raptors 93-91 ahead before the Magic ended off night's struggle.

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added 17 points and 11 rebounds while Dwight Howard had 17 points for Orlando.

One night after scoring his one point, only Rash led the Raptors with 20 points, including going 14-for-14 from the line, both shot-and-rebounded 10 rebounds.

Three Raptors Clippers were a battle of unbalanced teams as Sam Cassell scored 21 points in a 104-89 win over the Dallas Mavericks. The Clippers are 4-1 while the Mavericks are 3-1.

The Boston Celtics improved to 3-0 with a 119-92 win over the Detroit Pistons. Kevin Garnett had 23 points and 11 rebounds for the Celtics.

The San Antonio Spurs improved to 4-1 with an 89-79 win over the Dallas Mavericks (3-0).

The Atlanta Hawks scored the game 103-96, despite 34 points and 15 assists from Alvin Hayes.

Andre Spalding scored 17 points and the Philadelphia 76ers rebounded the Charlotte Bobcats 93-82.

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## Henin gains WTA Championships semis

**MADEIRA—WORLD NUMBER ONE JUSTINE** Henin qualified for the WTA Championships semifinals with an extra-halfpoint 6-2, 6-2 win over Sarah-Liander on Wednesday.

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The 26-year-old Henin was leading 6-4 at a copy-right tie set when Williams stopped with a problem in her left knee, putting her participation in the rest of the event unlikely.

The former world number one had looked down on multiple diagnoses, and was finally suffering after having a surgery medication with the issue at 3-4.

Williams was having a week later in



**HENIN** at the French Open.

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## Federer favored to rule Masters

**SHANGHAI—ALREADY** international as a 2007-08 winner, Roger Federer will be confident he can repeat his performance in Shanghai.

Henin, who lost to Federer 6-1, 7-6 on Tuesday, said he would not be surprised if Federer won the tournament.

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## Feel the Christmas spirit with Merrell

THROUGH LONG WALKS IN business, shopping and dining have truly become part of our lives. We desire to reach our clothing needs, convenience and leisure in one place. Merrell knows exactly what's good for you as it offers a broad line of specifically engineered shoes. Now shoppers can enjoy the durable and comfort privilege together out on adventures on the long Christmas shopping marathon.

Merrell Performance Footwear.

A household name in comfort and adventure shoes, it's the perfect pair for the holidays, not to mention the unrelenting modern situation. Comfortable and durable, Merrell knows exactly what's good for you as it offers a broad line of specifically engineered shoes. Now shoppers can enjoy the durable and comfort privilege together out on adventures on the long Christmas shopping marathon.

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## Capacity crowd expected at Aegis concert in Cebu

ORGANIZERS OF A FREE CONCERT featuring popular pop-rock band Aegis in Cebu City this Saturday, Nov. 10, are expecting a capacity crowd at the University of San Carlos South Campus cultural center.

Dubbed as "Music & Magic in Cebu," this will be able to reach the

concert for free by purchasing 1000 copies of graduation from University of San Carlos (USC) and Merrell's shoes are designed to keep you on your feet for days. They're, cool, comfortable, and worth what it's cost. They should provide maximum comfort and support, a wide range of styles, and a wide range of styles.

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## RC Makati holds 20th Christmas Bazaar

THE BOUNTY CLUB OF SINGAPORE will host a night-long Christmas Bazaar in Makati, Philippines, on Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Hotel InterContinental Makati. The bazaar is a tradition that has been held for 20 years, and it is expected to be a successful one.

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# BUSINESS

## Not-so-sweet opportunity

IN THIS AGE OF DIABETIC alerts, fast-food deliveries and colorfully food choices, a group of health-conscious foodies and lifestyle wellness advocates have taken the small but crucial step to put forth the message that there is a way to eat healthy food.

What initially started as an earnest desire of a diabetic to strengthen away of healthy meal ideas, yet delicious food has evolved into a tale of punny cakes, pastries, sandwiches, soups, pasta and salads that are all low-carb, low-fat—and sugar-free.

"My dad is a diabetic but he is a sweet toothed. There were a very few things, so not all the time of this little pleasure in life and still want to be healthy. When he was diagnosed, he thought his food choices would be limited or that the alternatives were too expensive. So we thought of putting up Sugarcare for people like him who love to eat but do not want to feel deprived," says Angel R. Lumbardoff, one of Sugarcare's partners.

### Strong foundation

Consider that health is a strong foundation to build a business on, the people behind Sugarcare spent two years in research and product development before they opened Sugarcare in 2008.

Sugarcare (and Lumbardoff, a sugar substitute made from beet sugar) for its pasta, soups, and bread.

moving to best-selling sweet confections are sweet cakes, mango sticky cakes, but cupcakes, macarons, donut cakes, orange cream cakes and truffles.

Patty says, however, it's not just diabetes who bread the Sugarcare health proposition sweet. Heart, hypertension, and health built began discovering what Sugarcare was all about.

But it was only sugar that they had to keep off their food. They have the understanding and the for consumers' health.

More efforts were poured into this and healthier alternatives were considered and are now being used in Sugarcare foods that range from the salty, to pasta, and recently to healthier rice.

From five branches in Old the Block, Sugarcare, which has gone to Makati and South Superhighway, plus a community Sugarcare is ready to share the secret of health and good food.

"We actually had done a very solid amount of product development in opening a single five-foot-cub, low-fat bakery and deli. When we opened, we were pretty much thinking big and projecting that Sugarcare would be expanding to franchisee areas very quickly," explains Paul Lumbardoff, CEO of Sugarcare.

### Like-minded entrepreneurs

Lumbardoff says that more than anything, they are after the kind of entrepreneur who they just will not deviate from the great plan or which Sugarcare was built



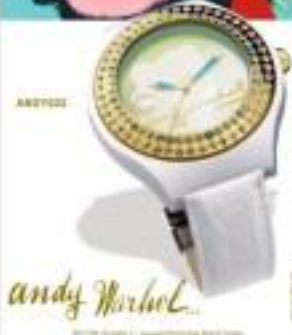
SUGARCARE offers sugar-free treats for the sweet-toothed, diabetic or not.

on, creating the sugar-free, keto, low-carb concept will not be reached.

That's why they are offering flexible options—from one to several units on up, such as small-scale kiosk and retail spots, up to a full-sized branch (with 1,000 sq ft) with in- and out-door seating capacity—as so we to best the potential partner who may start out as a franchisee ranging from P400,000 to P1 million for a five-year franchise agreement, with the option to renew.

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## Former geologist runs ethnic boutique

By Nita Catherine Celis  
Inquirer Staff Writer

**L**OS BAÑOS, LAGUNA—FOR FORMER GEOLOGIST Ramon Obusan, 55, traveling is like going to college. Going to different places is "enriching and educational."



RAMON Obusan, owner of Galleria Ethnica.

Thus, every time he goes to a new place, apart from sight-seeing, he always takes some souvenirs with him. This is the main reason he got up a business that offers unique products. He named the boutique Galleria Ethnica (Ethnic Gallery).

For almost 10 years now, the business has been thriving with regular clients like students, mostly from the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), tourists, health, beauty, and guests of local domestic destinations in UPLB.



JEWELRY and accessories are available in Galleria Ethnica.

Galleria Ethnica offers ethnic products like pots, bags, jewelry and accessories from different regions in the country. Some originate from Indonesia, Thailand, and Japan, and others, which Obusan and his staff designed and printed, can be found here.

Obusan also includes rare books and reports that he acquired from an owner of a bookstore in Manila.

### Work and travel

After Obusan graduated from the Mapua Institute of Technology with a degree in geology, he immediately worked as a geologist at geotechnical agencies like the Commission on Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Philippine National Oil Co. (PNOC), and the Philippine National Gas Co. (PNGC).

He recalled that even as a student, he was already working for his professor Ramon Alcala, a known Filipino geologist and 1992 Ramon Magsaysay awardee.

Doing his work at the PNGC, he handled the exploration work in the Basilan Island, a geological project in the boundary of Malay and Chinese and also had experience



SOME ethnic products of different regions in the country can be found in Galleria Ethnica.

working in almost all geological areas in the Philippines.

In 1982, he left the country and decided to work abroad. He got a job in Singapore and was assigned to resources like Indonesia, Japan, China and

### Abroad

Then he moved to Australia in 1988 when he worked as a senior manager of an Asian ethnic shop, the Eastern Plaza, which sold the more varied his

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Despite the long list of accomplishments, Benonce continues to seek new challenges. "Exploring that I do extremely well in, the more together and hopefully meet the 100th day of the year has been a challenge myself and all that would be to get the way back to my roots," she states.

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### PHMC SUPPORTS BAHAY KALILIT DAY CARE CENTER

Making a difference in the lives of children and ensuring Bahay Kalilit has the best possible future have been some of the driving forces behind the sponsoring support of the National Mahatma House (NHH) to the Bahay Kalilit Day Care Center. The Bahay Kalilit Day Care Center is a project of the Philippine Center for the Development of the People's Health and Development (PHMC).

PHMC provides for the center's building, which will be the center for the center's activities and projects, while NHH provides for the center's maintenance and support. The center is located in the Bahay Kalilit, a small village in the town of San Juan, Pampanga. The center is a project of the Philippine Center for the Development of the People's Health and Development (PHMC).

## Hyundai bolsters its No. 5 spot

HONDA CONTINUES TO JOIN the ranks of industry giants as it remains on track of the top 5 spot in the Philippine automotive industry with a market share of 7.14 percent, increasing to 8,000 units sold.

On a per segment performance, Hyundai Motor sold 1,600 units, an increase of 1.75 percent over last year's 1,564 units sold. In the SUV segment, Hyundai sold 1,600 units, an increase of 1.75 percent over last year's 1,564 units sold. In the SUV segment, Hyundai sold 1,600 units, an increase of 1.75 percent over last year's 1,564 units sold.

In the light commercial vehicle (LCV) segment, Hyundai sold 1,600 units, an increase of 1.75 percent over last year's 1,564 units sold. In the LCV segment, Hyundai sold 1,600 units, an increase of 1.75 percent over last year's 1,564 units sold.

With its latest P10 model, further strengthened Hyundai's leadership in the PV segment, leading pace with an aggregate sales performance in the PV segment. Hyundai's cumulative sales of 8,000 units, which included 1,600 units sold, considerably strengthening Hyundai's position in the PV segment.

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With Hyundai's continued growth in volume segments of the Philippine automotive industry.

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### Get ready for RP-UK Friendship Week November 30 to December 9

THE BRITISH EMBASSY MANILA RECENTLY ANNOUNCED the activities to celebrate the RP-UK Friendship Week. The activities include a series of events and programs that will be held in Manila from November 30 to December 9, 2006. The activities include a series of events and programs that will be held in Manila from November 30 to December 9, 2006.

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## World Hearts Day celebrated

WORLD HEARTS DAY was celebrated in Manila on November 9, 2006. The event was organized by the Philippine Heart Association (PHA) and the Philippine Red Cross (PRC). The event was held at the Philippine Convention Center (PCC) in Manila.

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### PLA PRESENTS A STUDY OF DIFFERENCES TO BR

As part of its advocacy to address the frequent misunderstanding and confusion with the term, "misconduct" and its related term, "misconduct," the Philippine Labor Action (PLA) presents its latest publication, "Misconduct: A Study of Differences Between the Philippines and the United States." The study documents the significant differences between the two countries in the treatment of misconduct, which is a common term in the Philippines.

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### GLOBE BROADBAND, 8-GIGABIT PHILIPPINES BACK UP TEAM

A brilliant alliance of the two leading local wide area network (WAN) providers, the two companies, Globe Broadband and 8-Gigabit Philippines, have joined forces to provide a comprehensive solution for the Philippine business community. The alliance will provide a comprehensive solution for the Philippine business community.

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### Globe Broadband tourney at SM Mall of Asia

GLOBE BRINGS TOGETHER THE BEST players of 2006, 2007, and 2008 in the SM Mall of Asia. The tournament will be held at the SM Mall of Asia. The tournament will be held at the SM Mall of Asia.

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## PHAP holds 28th annual convention, exhibition

THE PHILIPPINE HEARTS ASSOCIATION (PHAP) is an organization of individuals and organizations committed to the promotion of heart health and the prevention of heart disease. The organization is committed to the promotion of heart health and the prevention of heart disease.

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## Buteyko Method workshops for respiratory conditions

SENIOR BUTEYKO METHOD PRACTITIONER, Mr. Buteyko, will conduct workshops on Buteyko's method of breathing retraining, which has been internationally acknowledged to provide relief, long and effective relief for asthma, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, sinusitis, allergies, and other respiratory conditions and other respiratory conditions.

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# BUSINESS



Some of what Basti's Brew offers



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## Basti's Brew: Just *good* coffee

Two-and-a-half hours by Jennifer Bautista  
(Inquirer Manila)

**D**AVAO CITY—FOR THE past 10 years, the city's second coffee shop has been serving coffee to discriminating locals here.

But being the "second" meant did not put Basti's Brew on the forefront of the coffee scene.

From 2007 until today, there have been several more than 100,000 cups of coffee and the number of customers is still growing.

The idea of putting up a coffee shop, according to Giovanni "Bong" Aponte, one of the owners of Basti's Brew, struck him while frequenting a coffee shop with his wife in Manila.

"We both love coffee and we always go to the mall. My wife said we might as well as put up a small business in Davao so that we will have backup," he said.

What he went back to Manila, Aponte said he saw how American Road & Travel happened to have a family-owned appliance shop inside Victoria Plaza.

"Then we talked about my place of putting up a business and he offered some help,"



One of the Basti's Brew owners, Giovanni "Bong" Aponte, at work

Aponte said.

So from that small sale with Bong, Aponte and another partner—Bong Jr.—they put up about P3.2 million, from personal savings and bank loans.

After several days, the coffee shop started to operate.

"I had then there were no other suggestions of what the name of the shop would be so we named it after my first born, Sebastian," he said.

He opened on Dec. 30, 2007 when Davao was not that receptive to coffee being priced that high yet. It was really palatable from 1980 to 1990, in the point of overlooking rising the thought of doing it," he said.

But they did not let things bother deciding to put more.

Aponte said that he priced their coffee and introduced an expanded menu.

The strategy proved to be effective. From 2,000 cups a month, sales steadily rose to 7,000 cups. So they decided to open a second branch along Legaspi Street. The new branch had lower customers that expected. It put around 400 cups per month.

For that, his the remote experience, and he was sure to find out about local sales went up to 1,500 cups per month.

"The lesson here is coffee, good coffee and at this, you don't have to be a cheap place,



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BASTI'S first coffee machine, now placed at their Legaspi branch in Davao.

last morning long and long," Aponte said.

In 2002, Basti's Brew sold up with Bong Jr. and introduced a window counter to the business.

It became the first P3.2 million investment ever coffee shop in the whole of Mindanao.

"They are P3.2 million for the whole market

only. This thing, that time we had here it was the best thing to do in the market for people to open and operate. It will particularly benefit customers. They will only be interested in the last set. Consequently, GDS can also operate," he said.

To prep up more interest, Basti's Brew also started to offer promotions.

"We used the concept that if people buy on Friday, everything goes down to 50 percent and the customers get 50 percent off on all orders. But it was not about that. It was the sense that if you're a founding member, customers will be benefited," he said.

Today, Basti's Brew employs 10 staff, has multiple other small companies, Basti's Brew has a franchisee network.

"We don't sell them equipment. We are more, we want a business," Aponte said.

In fact, it was really interesting that even two years, an office is being named.

"You get to operate the business for two

years after that we compare notes. We ask questions, how did you do this approach, how did you do that, etc," he said. One rule is to be honest when it comes to the business," he said.

"What we like to each other is that it's a leadership by example. When it comes to the business, we can all learn."

Then expansion got into their minds.

From just coffee, the menu now includes food.

"But the business here is still not the end of the day during inventory, other specialty may be in it," he said.

Aponte said he would part of the success from his father Dr. Basil Aponte, a retired surgeon.

"He was one of the reasons, he believed in the power of coffee, people will come back," he said.

So what are the other techniques Basti's Brew has adopted to succeed?

"There's a challenge for people. We are when you give them customers we will not mind if they speak highly of you," Aponte said.

It is the understanding of coffee shops in the city's theme to Basti's Brew?

"You prepare yourself but we cannot help small coffee shops here. After all we are just one big community. A big coffee community," Aponte said.

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## Plains, prints and festives

**URBAN AND MODERN IS** the look of Plains & Prints' new Holiday Collection.

The latest collection features simplicity and volume with dramatic silhouettes. The creative details of the collection are dramatic and sophisticated.

The new collection is festive but has a touch of whimsy. Every one and two has sharply defined lines. The garments become interesting in displaying unique qualities that are modern yet classic.

Plains & Prints showcases a seasonal preview of festive wear and hints to its Holiday Collection. Glowing yellows, grays and deep plums are integrated with fading red, vibrant blue, pure green, gray, classic black and white provide color and dramatic contrast.

The collections of the new Plains & Prints Holiday Collection were unveiled recently at Plains & Prints' new store at the Ayala Triangle Mall. The retail party drew some of the country's celebrities, fashion editors, writers and fashionistas.

Plains & Prints co-founders Gertrude Benito and Colleen Lopez sponsored the new collection to give guests a preview of the holiday line. The festive mood was soon evident in the Little Red Dress line.

Indulge your complementary desire and indulge your in all. Items that women can mix and match to suit the occasion or mood.

Roscoe Buitas, owner of Plains & Prints, said the new collection gave women more choice and variety than the holiday season. She said the Holiday Collection featured new designs, colors and fabrics.

Plains & Prints opened in 1994. The store is located in the E.A.T. Collection (Eat and Repeat), the nation's first high-end line that transforms classic denim fabric into creatively reworked designs.

Plains & Prints' Holiday Collection is now available to all its 40 outlets nationwide as well as its 40 store place at L/L, Ayala Triangle Mall, North Edo.



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BICKY and Jose Arana with their daughter Carl Arana



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FERRY Marjorie with Tere Rodriguez, Nene Rodriguez and John Marjorie



FLA Arana, Jose Arana, John Arana, Blue Arana, Angel Arana and John Arana



FERN Garcia, Jose Garcia and Fila's first lady Fila Garcia

## Star-studded ball honors Manila's loveliest

**I**N THE YEAR'S MOST ANTICIPATED grand ball, five of Manila's most accomplished ladies were named "Manila's 5 Loveliest of 2008."

The star-studded dinner ball was attended by over 500 top members of high society, including, at the Hotel Ballroom of the Manila Shangri-La Hotel.

The glowing event capped the annual fundraising activity of Love 14 Foundation, a nonprofit, nonprofit organization that helps the marginalized sector through education and medical programs.

The five—CARLA Rosales Arana, Cynthia Alcala, Marie Rodriguez Arana, Jose Rodriguez and Jose Rodriguez Napoles—presented "Manila's Loveliest" in a colorful ceremony themed around the 14th anniversary of the foundation.

The 14th anniversary of the foundation was a landmark year for the organization, which provides care for poor terminally ill children.

Love 14 also leads the ongoing relief efforts for the victims of the 2007 typhoon, which caused significant damage to the Manila area.

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Fila's first lady Fila Garcia



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HAROLD's First Loveliest 2008: Jo Rodriguez, Cynthia Arana, Fila Garcia



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epidemic, which spread to more than 100,000 people.

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DAVID's first lady (Joanne) Guevarra of DAVID, Joanne Guevarra, DAVID's first lady (Joanne) Guevarra of DAVID

### WITHOUT RATTING AN EYELASH

Manila's Loveliest

Photo by Alex N. Garcia

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LOW Cream-colored silk turtleneck, POPS, New York

HIGH Black jumpsuit, PLAZA, Barcelona

HIGH Black blazer, PLAZA, Barcelona

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*I wanna go high/low*

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**High:** Over-the-shoulder gown, P. 429, C&A/Cosplay  
**Low:** Pants, P. 430, C&A/Cosplay  
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**High:** Alter, neckless, P. 430, and alter with diamonds, P. 430, P. 430  
**Low:** Black dress, P. 430, P. 430  
 Shoes, P. 430, C&A/Cosplay

# The downlow on high/low

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Nowadays, it's no longer a fashion crime to mix that top from Topshop or H&M with a Chanel clutch and Gucci sunglasses.

THOUGH HIGH/LOW CAN be done in the most elegant of ways, it's not always the case. It's a mix of the high and the low, and it's a mix of the high and the low.

Angela J. Lee, the independent owner of Hollywood (and that's where she's from) is a mix of the high and the low. She's a mix of the high and the low.

Vintage dress from LA store, P. 430. C&A/Cosplay. C&A/Cosplay. C&A/Cosplay. C&A/Cosplay.

While fashion rules of the past would forbid it, such as the rule that you can't mix high and low, it's not always the case. It's a mix of the high and the low, and it's a mix of the high and the low.

heavy shoppers and who are not applying the fashion formula. It's no longer a fashion crime to mix that top from Topshop or H&M with a Chanel clutch and Gucci sunglasses.

Even fashion icons such as Kim Kardashian and Jessica McCartney are giving their mix to mainstream fashion. Kim has designed her own collection for Topshop, while Jessica has her label in Adidas, Target in Australia, and H&M.

But even if you're not a fashion icon, it's not always the case. It's a mix of the high and the low, and it's a mix of the high and the low.

Some critics are calling this designers downgrading a distinction of luxury. It's basic, expensive, after all. When you think designer labels more available to the mass market, it's hard to see why it's not a fashion crime to mix that top from Topshop or H&M with a Chanel clutch and Gucci sunglasses.

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Group's Fabiani. Fabiani reportedly says, "We are going up." And in 2009, the strategy of its chief executive, Francoise Herve, is to go higher to "keep the brand's identity by pushing the quality and craftsmanship."

I believe that in the end it will all up to the individual's fashion. It's not a fashion crime to mix that top from Topshop or H&M with a Chanel clutch and Gucci sunglasses. It's a mix of the high and the low, and it's a mix of the high and the low.

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**High:** Black and white dress, P. 430, C&A/Cosplay  
**Low:** Pants, P. 430, C&A/Cosplay  
 Socks, P. 430, Lady Rhythm  
 Rings, P. 430, by C&A/Cosplay



**High:** White and black dress, P. 430, C&A/Cosplay  
**Low:** Pants, P. 430, C&A/Cosplay  
 Socks, P. 430, Lady Rhythm  
 Rings, P. 430, by C&A/Cosplay













MADDA's minimalist aesthetic is mirrored in its store.

## ENQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

## Grab bag of Italian style

I DISCOVERED FURLA GROUP'S A TRIP TO Milan way back in the mid '90s. As I was walking along Corso Vittorio Emanuele II on my way to the hotel Ito, Furla's Italian-style display featuring chic and obviously well-made handbags caught my eye.

In the case, the Italian brand had no presence here in Manila and was basically unheard of, but I was instantly impressed by its clean, sophisticated line and good quality. Today, thanks to the US group, the brand is available to local consumers who appreciate Italian craftsmanship and sleek design.

But had the chance to interview

Francesca Furla, president, managing director and owner of Furla SpA, and the line behind the success of the Italian fashion house.

Furla, who has been fully committed to pursuing Furla's expansion, shares her thoughts on the Italian brand, its history and its growth-worthwhile, and Spring/Summer 2010 collection.

When was the mission vision of Furla where your father established it in 1927?

What was the company all about?

When my father started the company in 1927, he was 20 years old and he used to trade accessories. His dream was to become independent with a business on his own, and used to travel all over Italy and also to Munich and Germany to import what was missing in Italy.

In the '50s '60s, my two brothers and myself started the business but had at that point strong financial roots and we started producing our own brand name "Furla" the leather accessories, later we started developing more brand Furla items.

How has that mission vision evolved over the years and under your leadership?

Under my leadership we increased our international distribution. We are now in 40 countries, and we developed our network of shops in the best streets of the most important markets, respecting the quality of our products.

How do you want people to perceive Furla, the brand?

I would like our customers to appreciate our innovation design, the beautiful quality and leadership, the Italian handcrafted tradition. Through our products we promote a system of unadorned, ethical values and artistic values. Our products have a solid elegance, which is always trendy, thanks to the constant reinvention of our creative team.

Describe the Furla woman.

A dynamic woman, always elegant and ready to be distinguished for her sobriety and style. A woman who wants to feel comfortable in every situation and time of the day, always perfect, but simple, not ostentatious. A sophisticated woman, brilliant, strong, who doesn't follow a logo, a work

ing woman, with children, traveling with a thousand things in the bag, but who wants to be always, everywhere, forever fashionable with unique style.

What would you say are the strengths of Furla's products?

The strengths of Furla are few in the wonderful range of products, strong and quality international distribution, beautiful stores in the best streets worldwide, the desire of continuous improvement in all areas of the company.

The weaknesses? The weakness of excellence is never ending and we are perfectly aware of that.

What are some concrete steps you're taking to propel Furla into the future?

We will continue to research how to be better. We will continue to improve our distribution and our stores, our visual merchandising and our retail plans. We will upgrade our products without losing the style of market we hold with the best possible quality and a well-defined price.

How do you aim to compete with other fashion designers, high-quality and high-profile brands in the market?

We compete with our strong brand, our long-term brand name and shop-in-shops, our innovative though recognizable design.

Tell us more about Furla's past. What made you decide to come up with such an award?

My passion for contemporary art resulted in a project called Furla art facts that was founded in 1999 to monitor young up-and-coming artists.

Over the past year, the contest has gained major visibility and international attention, also thanks to the global and thoughtful vision of current Chairwoman. It was my desire to support Italian creativity and to give something in return to a country which has been a fundamental market for the brand.

Over the previous July we expressed artistic and cultural values that are unique and accompanied by our most precious to stimulate young Italian artists in a world that is increasingly competitive.

Where do you see Furla in 10 years?

I see the Furla brand continuing to develop, following the path of the strength of beauty and elegance.

How do you plan to celebrate Furla's 80th year in the market?

We celebrated our 80th anniversary with a beautiful journey at Museum of Contemporary Art Triennale in Milan last Oct. 26, following the conceptual art exhibition "Space for your future."

What was the inspiration for Furla's new Spring/Summer '10 collection and what makes it unique? How are the



MADDA's minimalist aesthetic is mirrored in its store.



YVES SAINT LAURENT's classic black and white.



GROSBACH's classic black and white.



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FRANCESCA FURLA, president, managing director and owner of Furla SpA.

bag also details symbols of Furla's vision: current statement?

During the recent fashion week in Milan, we presented the worldwide collection of shoes and bags Furla's main collection and manufactured under Furla's supervision.

The Furla collection is inspired by elegance and simplicity, sobriety and substance. Colors are bright and modernized by the extremely beautiful quality of materials that has always distinguished Furla collections, the "one-of-a-kind" touch is new in bags with leather-style metal studs, plaques and chains from the '60s, which define, purely touch such as pink, French pink, light blue and carmine give the models a subtle edge.

The shapes are simple and deconstructed. Bags are soft and delicate, the ruffles and volume, specially created to enhance the purity and aesthetic effect. Bags are

rich and bold, such as black and white (isolated and generally) are played using a special technique of which only the Italian craft tradition can boast.

These materials appear alongside modern, sophisticated fabrics such as silk and organza, achieving their finest expression in masterly color combinations. Optical lines and graphics, mainly black and white, combine with everything from shades of color to create highly sophisticated effects.

The design of these models comes from color itself. The more vibrant and brilliant tones of multicolored plaid, denim, orange, green, red and yellow are played with warmer colors to create chromatic combinations of striking visual impact.

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## Best-dressed times two

**K**ASHBOGA'S LATEST COLLECTION, *Short Dressed*, was conceptualized by two masters in the style and entertainment industries—Eric Aquino and Lucy Thornton.

At once casual, feminine, sleek and sexy, Kadhwa's Best Dressed by Kim and Lucy consists of hair tops in assorted colors for day-wear, shimmering tops with beaded necklaces, coats, ultra-trendy cropped jackets, and dresses for casual lunches or cocktails.

There are ruffles and puff details, but the look remains clean and sophisticated. The statement printed on the skirt are by Kiki, while the brand's signature can be seen on the hem.

With prices for tops ranging from \$699 and sleeves starting at \$1,200, Kashiwa presents wearable pieces that can be worn from day to night.

Best Unisex by Hudson's is available in its branches at Ryala Center Circle, Kallang Town Centre, Glendale, Gateway Mall, Robinsons Place Manila, Power Plant Mall, Shangri-la Plaza, SM Centerpoint, SM City North EDSA, SM Clark Pampanga, SM Mall of Asia, SM East Tamar, SM Southmall, SM Sta. Rosa, SM The Mall and Telford.

UNY Remy-Gomez is  
Kashmiri black and white  
striped top, chic black coat  
and breezy white skirt.

LOCT is either white (dry and called dry 6004) or black (dries in charcoal gray/black and gray paste).

◆GHT group includes cars with large screen displays, available in "Visual Road View" or "Night View".

## Presents perfect: Cut diamonds

HEARTS ON PINK ARE CUT  
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"[There] are not as many very special items," Moore on Film Executive vice president Joe Cella observes. "While other channels are not as motivated to acquire, Moore on Film dominates in that area."

By beauty, he means perfection, and by perfection, unbelittledness, eminence, a name where a thing is elevated above a special name, a perfect ring of eight leaves can be seen from the bottom, and a perfect house of five leaves the same.

"That's where hearts on the go  
 no name from," explains Kramers.  
 "It's a natural phenomenon that oc-  
 curs when a diamond is cut perfectly  
 by what all the light is doing what  
 it's supposed to be doing."

Only a few groups remain in the "minority," he called attention to the set of diamond-cutters and traders that a few years ago the Bells in France a few years ago.

There are five companies a coalition have thousands of years ago work under the authority to work with power, which diamond less than one percent of the world's rough diamond crystals is qualified—indigenous (right hand) cutting, polishing and an analysis of each facet of 1000 magnification. Includes the international and industrial (diamonds).



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"All our diamonds are forever, but you can't get the finest from a diamond from a machine," Strauss-Repaphysa.

can pass through perfectly like a ball of ice." <sup>10</sup>

"A diamond is five diamond has all the light coming in, bouncing off perfectly and going back to the top, as the light hits the right angle, it creates a rainbow of colors."

A perfect diamond has all the light going in and all the light coming out to all the facets of the table top. That's what a diamond is fine in, each and every one.

Known to have no additional new material for sportsmen, diamond mining, these stones value less than those brought to cut than any other diamond, sometimes over a day including in life.

Shows on film's Dream design to the first square-shaped diamond sealed with such unexplained craftsmanship by it has been awarded two United States patents.

The **Northland** company, formed 11 years ago by a husband-and-wife team, is now a global player with 700 locations in 14 countries. It has created a niche by

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A famous red-snaper, simply known as Red, has long adopted some of Hollywood's biggest names, including Bruce Willis, Paula Abdul and Tim Burton.

With current locations in Taiwan and Macau, Henson air-line plans to expand to Hong Kong, China and Beijing very soon. In partnership with World in its first venture in the Philippines.

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# The roles JLo...

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like together. "El Comodoro," a biopic of Puerto Rican actor (and former Mayor) Llanos (Macías) which follows his tempestuous relationship with his wife, Paula (Bridget) and his rise to fame, which was marked by drugs and political

Man said of her roles: "These dysfunctional characters living with this pain and outside influences... that was so different from me really. I remember coming to realize on the side burner (Bridget's) was mine and I was like, 'God, we're so normal.' That's the impact it had on me. We just fell truly in love, so we weren't afraid to go to those places and think that we're going to get stuck there."

## Kids in her life

Before Jennifer was asked the question in which she gave the 10-camera rule to come on, a reporter inquired about the kids in her life.

"I have the children I have in my life," she said. "I obviously have Macías' kids (one with 1993 Miss Universe Dayanara Torres and one with New York City police officer Debbie Bandiera — my stepdaughters — and I have my own, and explain it's funny when you're young like the adult daughter. So like, OK, I am now that person. That's weird to me because we were always the kids in the family. But you ask, when did you become the adult? But it's very interesting to me. I really enjoy it. I've always been the mom figure. All the people who work for me call me Ma. I take care of everybody I guess. That's why."

After our separate interviews with Macías, we completely understood why Jennifer did for him. He was heavy yet profound, down-to-earth and unpretentious. Of the times that says "Jennifer" on his light shirt, he quipped, "She looked so after we got married, she wouldn't have it any other way. It's called being married. 'Cause what you're going to do. I want to see it every day."

## Lean frame

He seemed pleased about his noticeably lean frame. "I've worked so long, it pounds for the heart and it's healthy," he said. "My mother has been trying to get me to gain weight for the past 30 years and it just won't happen."

He added, "I have a love-hate relationship with food. We have been arguing for years (laughter). My dad taught me 10 pounds. It's easier than me. My sister is 10 pounds. It's the hardest one at 115 (laughter). In my world, I'm huge. You have to understand when it's like to be Puerto Rican (and Macías) and show up at gatherings... it's just painful. My mother and all my aunts have been trying to feed me since I was born. Everybody wants to eat me up."

"The Spanish and English people also made light of being the Mexican member in the background while Ricky Martin was at the bottom. I worked with Martin when I was 15, 16 years old. But we tell you something, I wasn't the state (in laughter). So what I did was behind the scenes. I was the kid that they would put behind at the back of an 18-wheel and I had this on my microphone. People

thought they were singing. I was the one singing the background vocals. I was always the shy one. I don't have my voice there, though."

She revealed that you won't find much in the latter days now. "I don't play my own music in the house because I have myself. It's hard the opportunity to listen to my older work, I'd want to change them. Okay, OK, it could change that one..." It's good my day just began analyzing my performance. But I do have to be there, ready from the

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# Minimalist lifestyle in a minimalist home



By Maribel R. Cruz  
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**B**ROADCAST JOURNALIST Karen Davila, who stays in a three-bedroom condo unit in Quezon City, told the director of moving into a bigger house someday.

"I think there would come a time when I'd want to have a big garden. It's not raining enough. For sure, [because] I'd like that, but we'll be focused on building a family and maintaining our careers," Karen told Living Stars in a visit to their 300sq m home.

Karen is one of the three anchors of ABS-CBN's daily evening newscast "TV Patrol." She co-hosts the afternoon radio show "Hearts Beat Forever" with Mr. & Mrs. Lina. She is also part of current affairs programs "The Correspondent" and "SOL."

"This line with my apartment," the award-winning broadcaster said. "It's not, I would just add a few shelves for books, nothing drastic."

Karen and Lina, also a writer in the broadcasting field, have with their three-year-old son, Daniel, Karen, who was six months pregnant during the interview, is expected to give birth to another son at the end of this year.

Karen described their home as "modern, minimalist and easy on the eye," she added.

1993-year-old Doris changes in this spacious bedroom by herself



that it is "something that looks like an apartment to live in."

She pointed out that, while remodeling the unit, she did not have an interior designer and just looked at a lot of magazines and consulted several suppliers. "We really worked on a very good budget, to maximize it. We didn't go on the renovation route at all."

Adding the 30, 400 sqm, Karen is, among other things, the chair of the National Activity for Making Making Tawag, long listed, Karen (Maricela) and Lina (Doris). It also houses designer chairs like the third, Karen (Karen) and the Philip (Lina) (Lina) chair.

Karen pointed out that the key to living in a minimalist home is having a "minimalist lifestyle."

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